HIGHER SCIENCE OF POKER. POINTS IN THE GAME THAT MATHE

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attion That Holds True Even When Brick McCurd Is Dealing-Intricacies of the Game Illustrated by the Hand of Billy Amsden, Who Got His Fourth Jack. The group comprised a Scientific Pokerist, Common Poker Expert, a Natural Poker Player a Pokerina. A Scientific Pokerist is one who plays his hands according to the eternal laws of mathematics. A Common Poker Expert is one who believes there is more in the game than the exact sciences have dreamed A Natural Poker Player is one whose style

of play is partly the result of momentary intuitions. A Pokerina is one who wants to know, please, whose age it is. The Scientific Pokerist was demonstrating the theory of poker chances as an immutable

basis of play. These chaps who give you a poker proposition," he was saying, "in which all signs point to one conclusion, and, after you have analyzed it according to the rule of mathematical probability, show you that under the circumstances you would have done the worst possible thing, make a scientific player smile For instance: If I am in a five-handed game and find myself after the draw with a kinghigh straight flush of diamonds, what would I do? This is an extreme example, understand, to show the absurdity of the thing. As a scientific player of the game I would compute that there were only three possible hands that could beat me, and that the fraction of risk was so small that for practical purposee it should be disregarded altogether. Conse

quently I'd back the hand to my last chip." "But hold on." says the critic. "I was on a Mississippi steamboat, back in the 60s, when a wealthy plantation owner held just such a hand, and lost his plantation on it against a royal flush of hearts." And he thinks he's exploded what he calls the folly of the higher scientific game.

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"He hasn't done anything of the kind. He has merely hit upon the infinitesimal odd chance. I was perfectly sound in backing my king-high straight flush to a finish, win or lose. Scientific poker doesn't pretend to win every hand, as any fool knows if he will stop to think. It merely offers you a certainty of winning the greatest possible number of hands, and in the long run of carrying home every cent in a crowd of players unacquainted with the higher science of the game.

"Forinstance," said the Natural Poker Player, "a friend of mine once stayed in a jack pot on three Jacks, in a nice, stiff little game, and caught another on the draw. Now, what ought he to have done with those four jacks, according to the laws of exact poker science?

"The theory of probability—" began the Scientific Pokerist.

"Hold on a minute," interrupted the Natural Poker Player, "perhaps I'd better tell you the story from the beginning. This friend of mine was young Billy Amsden of Milwaukee, son of Senator Amsden, you know. Billy was about 25 at the time, and though the had a vague idea or two about the national game. He was spending a few weeks at a big summer hotel up on lake Michigan. One afternoon hestruck up an acquaintance with another guest at the hotel, a fine, military-looking, elderly chap, who introduced himself as Coi. Taylor of New York. When Billy told who he was the Colonel was delighted. He knew Billy's father well. So they went back to the hotel and opened a small bottle. The Colonel explained that he had shipped his steam yach to the lakes, and that it was then in Chicago undergoing repairs, after which it was coming along to pick him up.

The next few days Billy and the Colonel saw one another frequently. The Colonel was a very interesting man. Billy had been abroad once for a summer, but the Colonel apparently knew Europe by the inch from Christiania to Monte Carl

friends of his, who he believed occasionally sat into a quiet game.

"The game was arranged for that night, Billy, the Colonel and three others, \$25 limit. Nothing happened for the first hand or two. Then the Colonel won a \$75 pet. Then, after two or three more lean hands, there was a jack pot which was sweetened twice, after which the man on Billy's left opened it for the limit. The next man dropped out. The next, who was the Colonel, and dealing, stayed. The next man also passed out, and Billy staved, on three jacks. The opener took one card, the Colonel took two. Billy caught his fourth jack.

"Now what I want to find out, as a proposition in the higher science of the game," concluded the Natural Poker Player, "is what Rilly should have done with those four jacks." That's not a difficult question," said the Scientific Pokerist. "Theoretically there are twenty-seven better hands than your friend's four jacks. Practically, considering the circumstances of the draw, he would be warranted in backing his hand to the extent of the money he could afford to lose. The odds on his winning would not be so great as though he held a straight flush, for instance, but they would be sufficiently large to justify him in taking on all he could."

The Natural Poker Player turned to the Common Poker Expert. The latter shut his eyes to slits and rubbed his chin.

"Till pass for the present," he said.

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"Any fool knows," said the Pokerina, "that with four queens—jacks, I mean—it's up to you to go broke or clean out the crowd."

"What did your friend Billy do?" asked the Common Poker Expert.

"Billy," said the Natural Poker Player, "hesitated. Then he decided to drop out."

"What!" demanded the Scientific Pokerist and the Pokerina in chorus.

"It was this way," continued the Natural Poker Player, "The Colonel, as I said, was dealing. Well, there was some insignificant little thing happened during that deal. I don't remember new what it was. In fact, I'm not sure that Billy was ever able to say exactly what it was—a fleeting expression in the Colonel's eye, perhaps, or a half-made movement of the hand. Anyway, being in a poker game, it jarred Billy just a trifle. And by the time he had caught his fourth jack, he'd done sufficient thinking to be slightly more than a bit suspicious of being up against it."

The Scientific Pokerist looked annoyed.

"You dight's tate the case fairly," he said. "No sort of science holds good against fraud. Of course your friend dropped out unless he was a fool."

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"It doesn't need science," suggested the Pokerina, "to tell a man to cut loose from a crooked game."

e point of the story," continued the Nat-oker Player, "is that my friend didn't drop out."

The Common Poker Expert looked thoughtful.

That scarcely affects the matter," said the Scientific Pokerist. "Whether he dropped out or staid in and dropped his pile has a bearing only no the roung man's mental cancette." "How much did they charge him?" asked the

only on the young man's mental capacity."

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"He kept raising the table the limit until they called him." said the Natural Poker Player, and he won about \$900."

"He was fortunate." said the Scientific Pokerist, but of course it wasn't peker."

The not so sure, said the Latural Poker Player. "He said it worked out on scientific principles."

The Scientific Pokerist smiled wearily.

"Spring it." said the Pokerina.

There's nothing to spring, said the Natural Poker Player. "As soon as Billy felt those twinges of suspicion he decided, as I said, to drop out on the spot. But just then another idea struck him. You remember there had been only a few hands played, and no betting to amount to anything. Well, the idea that struck Billy was this: Granted he was up against a crooked deal, was it the part of common-sense to give him those four jacks so early in the game? Wouldn't it be an extremely agricultural sort of confidence man that would do anything of the kind? Wouldn't they naturally trail him along on smaller hands until he had lost a few hundred dollars, and got warmed up, and then soak him on some such thing as four jacks as a grand finale? How, then, was he to explain his hand? There was just one logical deduction that he could find, narnely, that his three-lacks had been fixed for him, but that the fourth was an accident. As I said, he won \$000. He would have won \$0,000 if he hadn't been called. The Colonel had three kings, and the other man aces up.

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After that Billy had a sudden attack of head-ache and had to retire. And the next afternoon when the Colonel invited him to another seance that night he had suddenly lost all interest in

the game.

But the point I'm trying to get at is that there was a hand which the rules of exact mathematical poker science say should be played in a certain way. Well, Billy played it in just that way, and won out handsomely. But it wasn't the mathematical scientific sort of poker, because the mathematical scientific sort of poker, because the mathematical scientific player would have thrown the hand down before he reached the point where Billy decided to back it. It is possible that there's a part of the poker sea that the scientific pokerists haven't sounded yet?

The Common Poker Expert gathered up an end of his mustache and put it into one corner of his mouth.

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"Of course it wasn't poker at all," said the Scientific Pokerist." Are you sure?" asked the Natural Poker Player. Because later I heard an opinion that was worth something to the contrary. I was in Chicago with Billy the following fall, and one night we ran into a fine-looking, elderly party standing in front of one of Chicago's to him and said.

"Col. Taylor."

accepted and he introduced himself to us over a large, cold bottle. We'd heard of him before. He was Brick McCurd, known all over the West at that time as the Prince of Confidence Men. He made no bluffs that night. We talked with him for three hours as among gentlemen. And he certainly had been in, or behind, or up against, every kind of poker game on record. But he said Billy's handling of those four jacks had been the nerviest, cleverest piece of poker play he had ever seen.

began the Scientific Pokerist. His moment the Pokerina created a diversion by asking the rest of them what they would have.

BOSTON AND ALBANY LEASE. The Legislative Committee Expected to Vote

Boston, June 4.-The Legislative Committee on Railroads is practically ready to report in favor of the ratification of the leases of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central. The committee sat for two and a half bours this morning and then adjourned without taking a vote upon the main proposition of the lease. The members will

proposition—of the lease. The members will meet again to-morrow morning when a vote is expected. It would have been taken today, but it will be necessary to consult the Attorney-General upon two matters, one relating to technical points and the other as to whether the amendments adopted shall be incorporated in the bill or be made part of the centract.

The actual business of the committee this morning was the adoption of an amendment requiring the New York Central, in the event of the lease, to expend \$2,500,000 for the improvement of terminal facilities in Boston Harbor. The committee voted also that \$500,000 of the full sum should be expended for double tracking from Cottage Farm to the terminus in Boston.

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The committee has already voted to reject the amendments of R. M. Moree and A. Pilisbury relating to the disposition of the surplus net earnings above 8 per cent., and has accepted amendments providing for separation of the accounts of the Albany and the Central, and the filing of returns of the Albany business with the Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners, and prohibiting discrimination against Boston in freight rates west of Albany.

It is thought that the vote upon the main proposition to-morrow will be 11 to 4 or 12 to 8 in favor of the lease.

RULES FOR CUBAN TEACHERS.

A Pamphlet Prepared Under Gen. Wood's Di-

rection Regarding Their Visit Here. Boston, June 4 .- By order of Gen. Wood, Military Governor of Cuba, a pamphlet has been issued for the guidance of the Cuban teachers who are coming to the Harvard Bummer School. It is printed in both English and Spanish.

The teachers will be organized into groups before leaving the island, and each group will be in charge of an Encargada or chaperon. During the summer the same salaries will be paid to the teachers that they

will be paid to the teachers that they would receive if they remained in Cuba. An emergency fund will be formed by individual subscription to meet incidental expenses, but in no case will a teacher be allowed to contribute more than \$10.

The pamphlet contains minute directions regarding suitable clothing for the trip, and advises the teachers to purchase nothing which cannot be worn upon their return to Cuba. Medical service will be provided and both native and American doctors will be engaged.

No person will be allowed to leave Cuba without a certificate of good health, which can be obtained only on condition that the applicant shall be vaccinated by a physician appointed for that purpose, except in cases where proof of previous vaccination can be shown.

The Post Office Department at Washington has authorized Postmaster Hibbard to employ a Spanish interpreter for the Cambridge branch office during the six weeks the teachers are at history.

DEATH IN A DOG'S KISS.

Hackensack Youth Said to Have Got a Patal Disease in That Way.

It is said that the death of William Culver Mearns in the Flower Hospital a few days ago was due to a parasitical affection of the liver, which has been traced to the kiss of a pet dog. Mearns was a young man and lived in Hackensack. The dog was a collie and belonged to his sack The dog was a collie and belonged to his father, W. H. D. Mearns. The disease, according to the story which is related about it, was contracted about four years ago. Dr. T. F. Huil by the use of the X. rays got a clue to the cause of the young man's sufferings, which for two years had been intense. Mearns was brought to the Flower Hospital in this city and, it is understood, was operated on by Dr. W. Tod Helmuth. The maiady is described as rare and almost always fatal. Dr. Helmuth could not be found by a Sun reporter last night.

SHAVEN SLEUTH A MAN TRAP.

Peters Looked so Easy Without a Mustache That a Thief Grabbed for His Watch. Detective Peters of the Eldridge street station who recently helped to catch three burglars by disguising himself as a baker and was so enabled to arrest some thieves, changed his appearance again last night and shaved off his appearance again last night and shaved off his mustache because he thought that perhaps the crooks of the precinct had learned to know him. While he stood in a crowd at Division street and the Bowery listening to a hand organ, soon afterward, he felt a tug at his watch chain and grabbed the hand of the tugger just as he was about to twist the watch from the chain. The thief said at the police station before they locked him up that he was James Callahan, a printer of 1285 Greene avenue, Brooklyn.

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venue, Brooklyn.

John P. Marquand, for many years head of the New York house of Blake Bros. & Co., bankers, of New York and Boston, died yesterday morning at his home, 311 Lexington avenue. He had been in failing health since last December. He was born in Newburyport, Mass. Oct. 16, 1831, and started business in the employ of Thomas Wigglesworth, a Boston commission merchant. For a time he was in the cotton business in Boston. In 1872 he renewed a former connection with Blake Bros and in 1878 came to their New York office. Later he was taken into the firm and became the senior partner here. Mr. Marquand was married twice. His first wife was Miss Laura Wood of Newburyport and his second wife Miss Margaret Curzon of the same place. She died two years ago. Three daughters and one son survive him. Mr. Marquand was a member of the Union League and Calumet clubs, the American Geographical Association, the New England Society, and the Downtown Association. He had a summer home, "Artichoke Mill," near Newburyport. morning at his home, 311 Lexington avenue

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Gen. Silas Wright Hastings, late Colonel of the 142d New York Volunteer Infantry, died in Washington on Sunday night as the result of a cold contracted at the funeral of Gen. Lawof a cold contracted at the funeral of Gen. Lawton, which resulted in grip. Gen. Hastings was born in Franklin occurty, N. Y., April 30, 1846. He enlisted in a New York regiment in 1862 at the age of 16 years and was gradually promoted until he became Colonel of the regiment. He took part in numerous battles, and in one engagement was badly wounded in the shoulder. The title of Brevet Brigadier-General was conferred upon him for conspicuous bravery during the Civil War. At its close he returned to his native county and later removed to California, where he remained until he came to this city in 1889, at which time he became agent for the Consolidation Coal Company, for which he was general agent at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and four children.

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Mrs. Cornelia Cooper Taylor, wife of Andrew I. Taylor, died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure at her home, 115 Montague street, Brooklyn. She had been out driving with her husband on Sunday. She had long been interested in Episcopal Church affairs in the Brooklyn diocese, and was chairman of the Orphanage Committee of the Church Charity Foundation. She was a member of the Society of Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century. Her only son is the Rev. Malcom Taylor of Stamford, Conn.

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Mrs. Harriet L. Pease, wife of Capt, John A. Pease of the Grand Republic, died suddenly of heart failure early on Sunday morning on board the steamer, while it lay at the Erie Basin. She had accompanied her husband on a church excursion up the Hudson on Saturday, and was taken ill on the return trip. She was in her sixty-sixth year and had been married forty years. She was aboard the Grand Republic with her husband at the launching in 1877.

Lewis T. Howell, President of the National Bank of New Jersey at New Brunswick, died at his home at East Millstone on Sunday, aged 31 years. He was one of the original stockholders of his bank and director of many local institutions. Mr. Howell made part of his fortune as a member of the firm of Howell, Martin & Co., wholesale coal dealers, at 111 Broadway. He was also in the lumber business in New Brunswick for a number of years.

Daniel D. Earl, a business man of this city for many years, died yesterday at his home in Pleasantville, N. Y. He was a member of the Mechanics and Tradesmen's Society and a member of the Board of Managers of the American Institute. The funeral will be on Thursday.

Col. John Wister, President of the Duncannon

most glittering cafes. Billy went straight up to him and said:

"Col. Taylor, I'm glad to see you."

Billy recalled the poker game he meltedin a minute, and asked us in to have a drink. We

POSSE GUARDS ST. LOUIS.

ORDERED TO SHOOT WHEN NECES-SARY TO STOP RIOTING.

Strikers Shoot a Workman Who Was Repairing a Trolley Wire-Women Beaters Trapped -Committee of Strikers at Work on a New Proposition for a Settlement

ST. Louis, Mo., June 4 .- At the end of the fourth week of the street car strike St. Louis is taking on the appearance of a beleaguered town. Armed men, marching and countermarching are met everywhere. The posse of citizens has been distributed among the various power houses, a large force being held in reserve a the barracks on Washington avenue. The Sheriff continues to press into service all classes of people, and has one full regiment under arms and guns on hand sufficient to equip a second

Among the instructions issued to-day by Col. Cavender, commander of the posse, was the following:

"In quelling any riot or disturbance and in dispersing any unlawful and threatening assemblage of persons, you will use your utmost semblage of persons, you will use your utmost endeavor to arrest the ring leaders and instigators, turning them over to the police for incarceration. You will use only the necessary force in the performance of such duty, but will meet violence with violence; and, if fired upon, you are expected, with due regard for the safety of innocent bystanders, to make sure that the criminals reach the jail or the Morgue, if necessary."

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To-day Attorney Guernza, Lieutenant in a company stationed at the Southern Electric power house, accidentally shot a non-union conductor. Thomas McCannor, a Transit Company lineman, who came here from Milwaukee, was shot while repairing a wire at Kossuth and Pleasanton streets, one builet lodging in his right side and another in his thigh. His wounds are carried as a state of the state of

are serious.

A trap was set to catch the women beaters to-day. Detective Williams was detailed to escort the 18-year-old daughter of Police Matron Kintzing on a transit car to Twelfth street and Geyer avenue, where a squad of police in plain clothes were stationed. As the couple alighted they were attacked by a mob composed of men, women and children, the police swooped down upon them, using their batons freely, with the result that there are scores of broken heads in that section of the city. No attempt was made to arrest any of the mob.

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rormer Gov. Stone and the committee of the strikers were in session all afternoon formulating a modified proposition to submit to the railway officials. The basis of the agreement has not been made public, nor will it be until placed before President Whitaker. Cars were operated as usual during the daytime, but all turned in at 6:30 o'clock to-night.

PAINTERS BEGGING WAGES DUE. Sub-Contractor Who Employed Them Missing

-Wife of One Assaults the Contractor. Charless M. Rosenthal, a contractor, of 183 West 120th street, went home last evening and found a woman nursing a baby on his doorstep. The woman was Mrs. Robert Prince. wife of a painter of 84 Attorney street, and her husband was standing on the corner waiting for Mr. Rosenthal, but had missed him. When Mr. Rosenthal mounted the steps the woman put down her baby and threw her arms around Mr. Rosenthal's neck and begged him to pay

Mr. Rosenthal's neck and begged him to pay her husband the money she said he owed him. Rosenthal is building an apartment house at Columbus avenue and 107th street and employed Henry Moss as a sub-contractor to do the painting. Prince worked for Moss. On Saturday Mr. Rosenthal gave Moss 2450, he says, to pay his painters. Moss, according to Rosenthal, has not been around since, but Moss's employees have been annoying Rosenthal, beseeching him to give them their money, and going to his house to get at him as Prince and his wife did.

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Rosenthal explained to the woman that he had paid Moss and was not responsible for the wages owing her husband, and the woman thereupon struck him with her fists. Rosenthal ran into the house, shut the door and sent a servant for a policeman. When Policeman Maloney came to the house Prince was also there and Mr. Rosenthal demanded that both he and his wife be arrested, but at the station Rosenthal said he did not care to press a charge if the Princes would cease annoying him. They promised and were discharged. Mr. Rosenthal then gave the woman \$2.

Mr. Rosenthal says that Moss told him he expected to be married soon. Moss's place of business is at 1252 Third avenue. His house address Mr. Rosenthal did not know.

BAKERS STRIKE IN KANSAS CITY. City's Bread Supply Cut Short-The Six Largest Bakeries Closed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 4 .- About one hundred union bakers, employed in six of the Sunday. The total capacity of these bakeries s about 50,000 loaves of bread per day, and the boss bakers say that for a few days at least, many people will have to go without bread.

On May 15 the bakers' union prepared a new agreement, but the boss bakers refused to sign it. The agreement provided for a uniform work day of ten hours and also provided that the union should not be hampered in agitating the use of the union label on all bread. The men say that the six bakeries affected by the strike have combined in an effort to break up

strike nave combined as a large to the union.

At labor headquarters it was stated that the big bakeries intended to get bread from a St. Louis firm which employs non-union help. Twenty-two small bakeries have signed the new agreement, but they cannot supply the demand. Many grocery stores, and principally the large ones, did not have a single loaf of bread for the Monday morning trade and hundreds of people had to do without it.

Want Carpenters to Abolish the Half Holiday. By invitation of the Master Carpenters' Association a committee of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners met a committee of the association last night in the Townsend Building, Broadway and Twenty-fifth street, The principal question before the committee was the Saturday half holiday, which the employers wanted to have suspended or abolished on a number of downtown office buildings, in order that repairs might be made on Saturday afternoon when most of the tenants are out. order that repairs might be made on saturday afternoon when most of the tenants are out. The employers are willing to pay double rates for the half holiday.

The representatives of the union were willing to make the change, but said the matter would have to be submitted to the unions before it could go into effect.

De Leonite Insult to Visiting Kangaroo Comrade Robert McKeown of Pittsfield Mass., presided at yesterday's session of the convention of the De Leon faction of the Socialist Labor party at Grand Central Palace. Business was proceeding in a drowsy fashion until Comrade Schulberg suddenly said in a until Comrade Schulberg suddenly sald in a joud voice: "I move that the Kangaroos and Debsites, who are present as visitors, be asked to take the rear of the hall."

A discussion followed, and several stalwart Kangaroos, as the Volks Zeitung faction of the Socialists is called, settled themselves firmly in their chairs. To have attempted to move them to the back of the hall, against their will, would have precipitated a fight, and the motion was not carried.

Bell Telephone Linemen on Strike.

ROCHESTER, June 4 .- Forty linemen employed by the Bell Telephone Company of Buffalo are out on a strike in this city. The men are around the city making trouble for men are around the city making trouble for the new employees whenever they can. Forty new linemen engaged in Lockport, Gasport and Sandburn came here to-day to take the place of the strikers. They are quartered at the Driving Park. The strikers want \$2.50 a day, time and a half for evertime and double pay for Sunday work.

Zine Miners Strike Against Cut in Wages. JOPLIN, Mo., June 4 .- One hundred zinc miners from the Gaddis, Little Circle, Big Circle and Oronogo mines struck to-day against a 15 per cent, cut in wages which the operators say is necessary on account of the low prices of ore. Miners' wages all over the Missouri-Kansas ginc and lead region are being reduced, and it is feared that a big strike will be on in a few days.

A Strike for Nine Hours.

KINGSTON, N. Y., June 4,-This afternoon 300 employees at the Peckham Motor Truck and Wheel Works here quit work because their demand for nine hours' work was refused. They also asked for the discharge of a time keeper. The works are rushed with orders for car trucks from various parts of the globe.

DES! MOINES, Ia., June 4.-There, is a strong

rumor here that President Stickney has organzed a combine of the Great Western, Baltimore and Ohio. Great Northern and Pitisburg and Gulf to operate as one system. The Baitimore and Ohio and Great Western officials recently made a tour of inspection of the line involved and a prominent railroad man declares that the deal has been made. WEARFISH HAVE ARRIVED.

Notes of Fish and Fishing in the Lower

Weakfish, reported in several localities hereabouts, have at last arrived in the lower bay. As usual, the well-known fishing ground, Great Kill, s has the honor of the first catches. Whether this is to be attributed to the quantitles and appetite of the fish or to the number and skill of the fishermen is a question that must be left to be debated by the learned in the bait. "Red

to be debated by the learned in the bait. "Red Cap." the nickname of the modern record breaker for patience in the waters of the kills. started out at 8 o'clock on last Sunday morning and returned at 4 in the afternoon with eight handsome squeteague on a string. He was the prince for an hour, after which he became heartbroken on the arrival of another fisherman with a string of nine.

Two notoriously impatient anglers, who believe in fast fishing only, rowed across the kills to Jimmy Astin's Point to capture "fiddlers," or "soldier crabs," for bait for big blackfish at the Romer. They had placed no confidence in the kaffirgram, or hotelegram, reports of the arrival of their favorite game fish, the sea tront. So they invaded the camps of the "soldiers" and made a few hundred prisoners, intending to put them in servitude at the old "Monument" on the following day. But when they landed and saw the weakfish they abandoned the project and liberated all their prisoners.

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This justifies a line in favor of "fiddlers." The "fiddler" or "soldier crab" is not only a choice bait for sheepshead and blackfish, but he is the most law-abiding and chivairous of crabs. He always respects the rights of his neighbors and never attempts to enter, uninvited, the home of any other fiddler. And when, on rare occasions, he gets into a fight, he does the trick to the best of his ability. It consists in breaking off the other fellow's claw. This done, he scorns to take advantage of his foe scondition of inferiority and simply watches him hobbling back to his home, where the wounded "soldier" remains until a brand new claw grows with which he may be able to renew the combat on even terms. All old fishermen like to watch a fiddler fight.

There are white fiddlers and black fiddlers. The former are called china-backs and the latter niggers. The black and white races do not dwell together in peace and harmony. They live in separate communes or reservations. The china-backs stick to the sandy spots, while the niggers frequent the muddy places. As a rule, the fishermen prefer the china-backs but the fish as another rule, prefer the niggers. The colored "soldiers" are harder to capture, and they are more pugnacious and probably more chivalrous than their white trash fraternity. At all events, with the arrival of the weakfish, interest in the "soldiers" must cease until the fall.

MUTINY AMONG THE ANCIENTS. Half of Boston's Famous Warriors Refuse to

Tura Out on Parade. Boston, June 4 .- This was Ancient Day in Boston, the 202d anniversary of the organization of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. The members paraded with sadly depleted ranks. Out of a total enrolled membership of about six hundred and fifty just about half that number turned out at reveille and

bership of about six hundred and fifty just about half that number turned out at reveille and assisted in making the gorgeous show windows pale beside their brilliant hued uniforms and sparkling gold lace.

It was recognized by the spectators that the absence of the others was due to something more than the ordinary excuse, but it was not until the organization marched to the common, after partaking of a sumptuous banquet in Faneuil Half and listening to culogistic remarks, that the secret came out. In conversation with The Sun reporter, while Gov. Crane was reviewing the organization on the old parade grounds, a member wearing civilian's clothes said:

"The reason I am not in line with the boys today is because I do not like the administration. What's the good of belonging to a military organization anyway, unless the commander enforces military regulations, and compels the members to live up to them?

"Look at that. Doesn't that exhibition show you there have been no drills?" continued the disgruntled member, pointing to the last three or four companies who marched past Gov. Crane in review without lowering their sabree from the shoulder in salute. "That's what you get by electing a civilian as commander and just to show him that we wouldn't stand for such work, a lot of us refused to turn out in uniform to-day, although we did go down to the banquet," and the Ancient turned away in disgust.

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After the review and drumhead election, Capt. Edward P. Cramm was divested of his halberd and gorget by Adjutant-General Bolton and the ceremony of conferring them upon Lieut.-Col. Alexander M. Ferris, the new commander, followed.

BURIAL COMPANY IN TROUBLE? Committee of Creditors Looking Into the

Stephen Merritt Concern's Finances. At a recent meeting of the creditors of the Stephen Merritt Burial and Cremation Company of 171 Eighth avenue a five was appointed to investigate the companys financial affairs and John R. Post, of the New York and Brooklyn Casket Company was made secretary of the committee. An attachment was put on the property of the company on May 24, by Cecil B. Giles, who held the company's note for \$201. At the creditors' meeting it was stated that the nominal assets of the concern were \$229,338 and the liabilities,

the concern were \$229,338 and the habilities, \$77,650.

Among the company's creditors are the Morgan Silver Plate Company of Winsted. Conn., and John L. Hamilton, the Secretary-Treasurer of the concern. In an article printed in Sunnyside, an undertakers' publication, yesterday, it was stated that there was trouble between Mr. Hamilton who draws no salary, and the President, the Rev. Stephen Merritt, who it was said, draws \$4,000 a year. Assistant Manager Carroll of the Cremation Company said last night that the company was all right financially and that its affairs would soon be straightened out.

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our new establishment, said Mr. Carroll and cannot pay everything to everybody on the same day. The committee of the creditors was appointed at the suggestion of Mr. Merritt but there is no trouble between officers of the company.

MRS. AMERMAN'S BEQUESTS.

She Leaves \$1 0.000 to Be Used for the Ben fit of Two Horses and a Dog. WORCESTER, Mass., June 4.-By the will o

Ella N. Amerman, widow of Congressman Amerman of Pennsylvania, which was filed here today, provision is made for the care of two horses and a dog owned by her. The Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, formerly pastor of the Shamut Avenue Baptist Church in Boston, is made the custodian of the sum of \$10,000, whose income is to be used for this purpose.

The animals are to be treated with the utmost consideration, especially the horses. Should any of the animals become sick or infirm to the degree of bodily suffering or pain, they are to be dispatched in a humane manner with chloroform.

The friendship between Mrs. Amerman and the preacher about a year ago led to Mr. Dixon's withdrawal from the church. Mrs. Amerman been living in Shrewsbury, a suburb of

HARVARD STUDENT ARRESTED Augustus B. Emery Accused in Boston Selling Obscene Photographs.

BOSTON, June 4.-Augustus B. Emery, Harvard student, was arraigned in the Municipal Court to-day, charged by Agent Davis of the Watch and Ward Society with selling

the Watch and Ward Society with selling obscene photographs. His counsel, Nason & Proctor, desired a continuation and the case went over to June 11.

Emery is a native of Kansas City and is in his second year at the Lawrence Science School. It is alleged that he operated through the mails. About two hundred photographs were found in his room, each valued by Emery at \$2. The maximum penalty imposed in a crime of this nature is a fine of \$1,000 and one year's imprisonment.

PATAL SALOON FIGHT. Saloon Keeper Dead-Men Who Assaulted Him Merely Fined.

Frank McCluskey, a saloon keeper at Ninetyeighth street and Third avenue, died at his again street and initial avenue, died at his home, 336 East Thirty-seventh street, last night as the result of injuries he received in a fight in the saloon last Thursday night. Three men who were seen leaving the saloon in a hurry were arrested after the fight and were identi-fied by McCluskey as his assailants, but as he refused to make a complaint against them each was released on paying a three-dollar fine.

will be conducted on lines similar to the Jour-nai's, and beside appearing each afternoon during the week will print a Sunday morning during the week with prints a Sudday morning edition.

Mr Hearst's representatives have been in Chicago for some time getting ready the building, and collecting a staff. The new presses are already there. E. S. Matthews is to gbe managing editor and Willis J. Abbott, political editor.

William R Hearst, proprietor of the New

York Journal, is to start an afternoon news-

paper in Chicago, the first issue of which is expected to appear on July 2. The newspaper

CLUB WOMEN IN SESSION.

COLOR LINE DRAWN IN THE CONVENTION AT MILWAUKEE. pplications of Two Clubs of Colored Wo

Rejected—Lively Debate on the Question Expected at the General Federation's Meeting—Some Shrewd Politics by Women. MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 4.—There are two questions about which the General Federation of Women's Clubs which began its biennial session here to-day is going to have debates-reorganization and the colo lively line. The latter question is already receiving a good deal of attention and is to come up for settlement at the general meeting to

be held to-morrow. This morning the Board of Directors of the Federation went on record as being opposed to admitting colored clubs. The New Era Club of Boston had made application for admission to the Executive Committee and had been accepted and Mrs. Rebecca Davis Lowe, the Federation's President, had sent word to the club congratulating it on coming into the fold. The directors this morning rejected the application. The application was tabled and thus the club is barred out. At the same time the directors accepted half a dozen

But that is not the only point that brought up the color question. The Phyllis Club of this city, also colored, asked for admission and its application was likewise rejected on the ground that the application came in too late Still another feature of the question come on the arrival to-day of Mrs. Joseph St. P. Ruffin of Boston. She is colored, but comes not only as the representative of the New Era Club but also as a State representative. What action the federation will take in her case remains to be seen. Should she not be admitted the Massachusetts delegation no doubt would

action the federation will take in her case remains to be seen. Should she not be admitted the Massachusetts delegation no doubt would resent the snub.

There was a council meeting of the federation at the Athenenum at 11 o'clock this morning, which was largely attended. A resolution to the effect that proxies be allowed to vote was laid on the table. A large and enthusiastic majority gleefully disposed of the resolution. It was of considerable importance and there was a well-organized movement against it. Mrs. Anna D. West, State Chairman of Massachusetts, had a great many proxies with her. She was of the opinion that she could vote with all of them. She, it seems, had gone to considerable trouble to gather them in for that purpose and was loath to give up the idea of doing so. However, there were others, many others, who didn't want her to use them, and they had their way.

As time for luncheon arrived the question of reorganization was discussed informally. Mrs Williams of Minnesota was asked to take the floor, as she had devoted considerable time to a study of the question. She spoke for fifteen minutes in favor of the minority report, and alleged that the present organization was "illogical."

Dr. Frances Dickenson of Chicago also took the platform for six minutes, by request, and argued against what Mrs. Williams and said Several others spoke informally on the question. The Indiana clubs are in a lively row and the matter is now before the council.

Briefly, there has been no State federation in Indiana, although there has existed there a club union. A few weeks ago Mrs. Rosa Budd Stewart, president of the union, sent out letters to several luglana clubs asking for their cooperation in forning a State federation. These included one Munsing club, two South End Cubs and five responded to the call, and five organized themselves into a State federation.

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These included one Munsing club, two South Bend clubs and two Auburn clubs. The other eight, it is declared, knew nothing of the State federation so formed, and the four big Indianapolis clubs especially were told nothing about it. The other eight clubs therefore decided to enter a formal protest against the so-called federation.

An open meeting was held this afternoon at the Athensum, at which reports from State officers were received. A reception for the press women was held at the residence of Mrs. Charles Ray. At the Deutscher Club tonight a reception was also given. Various State delegations met to-day and decided for reorganization. The first general session will be held to-morrow.

THREW A LAMP AT HIS WIFE. It Set Her False Hair Afre but Didn't Hart Her-Husband Arrested.

Michael Reider of 249 West Thirty-first street threw a lighted lamp at his wife's head last night and set her false hair on fire. She had sufficient presence of mind to throw the hair into a corner of the room and then ran into the hail yelling "fire" and "murder." The burning hair set fire to the room, causing \$50 damage. Reider was arrested and locked up.

CENSUS ENUMERATOR A SUICIDE. Snatches a Bottle of Carbolic Acid and Drinks the Contents After a Spree.

Peter Fitzpatrick, a census enumerator, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at his home, 240 East Ninetleth street, yesterday afternoon. He worked during the first two days of the census enumeration, but had to stay at the census enumeration, but had to stay at home ill yesterday as the result of a spree. Yesterday afternoon, while his wife was bathing the injured hand of one of her five daughters with a solution of carbolic acid, he seized the bottle and drank the contents. The physician who had prescribed for the daughter's injury was called back to attend fitzpatrick, and an ambulance surgeon was summoned too, but the combined efforts of the doctors could not save him. Fitzpatrick, who was 51 years old, had served seventeen years in the United States Army, most of the time doing clerical work at West Point.

JUMPED OFF THE IRON PIER. Wanted to Die, but a Strong Swimmer From

Brooklyn Wouldn't Let Him. Charles Burke, 58 years old, of Holly, Pa., jumped from the iron pier at Coney Island into the ocean last night. He placed his hat and coat on the edge of the pier and leaped into the water while many persons were watching him. Harry Taylor of 101 Front street, Brooklyn. water while many persons were watching him. Harry Taylor of 10! Front street, Brooklyn, saw Burke jump, and as soon as he realized that the man had attempted suicide dived in after him. After a stringgle he brought Burke to the shore. A patroiman took Burke to the station house, where he was locked up on a charge of attempting suicide. He said he had nothing to live for. The police say he had been drinking.

Killed Herself With a Shotgan, Somerville, N. J., June 4.—Mrs. Mary Stevens, the wife of a farmer living near Franklin, eight miles from here, committed suicide this morning. While the family were absent she took a single-barrelled, breech-loading shotgun from the wall and, placing the muzzle against her throat, she leaned forward and struck the hammer a blow with a long-handled hatchet The charge went through her neck killing her

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Nothing further was done yesterday to forward or retard the extradition of Neely to Havana. The work of repairing the Dewey Arch was begun

yesterday.

The India Famine Relief Committee of One Hundred received \$1,053.29 in additional contributions yesterday, making the total to date \$50,583.09.

The body of Bernard Hollstein of 429 East Sixtyninth street who disappeared from home a week ago, was found in the East River last night. It was taken to the Morgue.

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The Ninth Regiment Band began its Monday night series of concerts in Washington Square Park last night. There were at least 10,000 persons there to enloy the music.

The June Grand Jury was sworn in resterday before Judge McMahon in Part I., General Sessions, James G. Wallace, a builder of 56 Pine street is foreman. Judge McMahon in his charge complimented the District Attorney's office on the up-to-date condition of the criminal business of the county.

George A. Romer, a broker, living at the Grand George A. Romer, a broker, fiving at the Grand Union Hotel, surrendered himself in the Centre Street police court yesterday to answer a complaint made by James M. Connelly, a restaurant keeper of Broadway, that a worthless draft had been given to him two years ago by Romer. The latter gave \$300 ball and was held.

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A bilious attack is not particularly serious or dangerous. It is important only in that it causes a good deal of misery to those attacked, and is an evidence that the liver has become torpid and deranged. This condition of what is the largest and one of the most important organs of the body is decidedly serious. it not only produces biliousness, but a score or more of other symptoms, such as despondency, insomnia, headache, loss of appetite, craving for stimulants, drowslness, lassitude, nervousness, pains between the shoulder blades, and fluttering of specks before the eyes, etc.

A sluggish and disordered liver generally arises from careless eating and drinking, and from insufficient exercise, which weaken it and prevent it from properly performing its functions. These functions are so many, that even when in a healthy condition, it barely manages to do all that is required of it. The greater part of the food, after it has left the stomach, is filtered through the liver, and carried to the different parts of the body by the blood. Impure matters in the food are stopped or neutralized, the sugar of digested food is detained so that it can be doled out to the blood in the quantity required for fuel purposes: and a peculiar liquid termed bile is secreted, which serves as a natural aperient and deodorant, and also aids in digesting the food after it has passed through the stomach.

When the liver becomes deranged, however, the bile, instead of getting into the intestines, becomes mixed with the blood and causes the skin to turn the yellow tinge recognized as evidence of biliousness.

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CALLAHAN OUTPOINTS DIXON.

PRILADELPHIA, June 4.-Tim Callahan outpointed George Dixon in a six-round bout at the Penn Art Club to-night. It was a fast "go," both boys figting hard to secure the verdict. It was thought that they would box according the modified Queensberry rules, breaking clean and no hitting the breakaway, but they decided to have it out under a strict interpretation of the rules. From the start strict Callahan demonstrated that he was more Callahan demonstrated that he was more than Dixon's equal at any style of the game. It was supposed that in the mix-ups Dixon would have the better of the exchanging because of his superior hitting ability, but this turned out all wrong for the reason that Callahan generally followed up a straight lead by rushing in, and by keeping close to Dixon kept up a merry tattoo of short rights on the former champion's body. These punches worried Dixon, who evidently did not look for that kind of milling.

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At out-fighting Callahan was the only one in it. He landed one straight left after another on Dixon's face, but the requisite steam to effect a knock-out or even a knock-down was not there. Now and then, noticeably in the fourth round, Dixon did suggest the perless champion of old, but it was for only a brief interval. He has not only lost his quickness but his speed. Neither boy, outside of the inevitable "blowing," was much damaged at the end of the boy!

Broderick Wins From Strauss on a Foul. There was plenty of excitement at the boxing show at the Hercules A. C., Brooklyn, last night. The first bout was for fifteen rounds at 115 pounds. Frankie Welch, the Philadelphia featherweight, crossed arms with Johnny Reagan of South Brooklyn. It proved to be a good, game fight. Reagan was the stronger in the opening rounds, while the Philadelphian was the cleverer, showing great

Welch tried hard for a knockout, but was unable to do the trick. It was stated after the fight that he had dislocated his left wrist. The verdict of Referee Joe Ward was a draw.

Tommy Broderick of Yonkers and Isador Strauss of Philadelphia met in the stellar bout on the card, which was scheduled to last twenty-five rounds at 140 pounds. There were \$260 in the house, and the club managers offered to give it all to the fighters, splitting up the expenses of the hight among the owners of the club. Strauss, however refused to go on. Finally \$20 more were subscribed and for £3150 cash to Strauss and \$130 to Broderick the fight proceeded. The first round was very fast, both men fighting hard with both hands. Strauss backheeled and threw Broderick and several of the spectators tried to enter the ring and hit Strauss. The fight went nearly to the end of the seventh round, in which the Philadelphian had Broderick nearly out. He fouled the Yonkers man so openly, however, that the spectators howled until the police entered the ring and the decision was awarded to Broderick. Welch tried hard for a knockout, but was un-

Second Baseman Jack Crooks Asked to Play With Buffalo.

ST. Louis, June 4 .- Jack Crooks, the veterar second baseman, who has been out of the second baseman, who has been out of the game for the past two years, but under reserve to Buffalo, has received a request from Dan Shannon asking him to report to the Bisons at Kansas City to-morrow. Crooks is a Northwestern drummer for a wholesale digar manufacturer.

Want to Play Ball Games.

The Crescent Baseball Association has a few more dates open, and would like to fill them with first-class clubs that can offer a fair guarantee. Address G. R. Hempeler, secretary, 528 East 138th strem.

The Star A. C. of Newarit has June 9, 23 and other days in July and August open for any team offering a suitable guarantee. Address Charles Smith manager, 272 South Eleventh street, Newark, N. J.

The Perth Ar boy A. C. has secured grounds for Sunday games, and will give a suitable guarantee to all first-class teams. Address Peter F. Smith, manager, 232 State street, Perth Amboy, N. J.

The topographical nine of the Board of Public Im-The topographical nine of the Board of Public Im-provements would like to arrange a beachall game with any of the city departments. Address George H. Patrick, manager, 177th street and Third avenue. The Erie F. C. would like to arrange games with leams whose players average 17 or 18 years. Have all Sundays in July and August open except the first peach month. Address R. Adler, 475 Tenth avenue

Former Featherweight Champion Shows Lit- The Meadow Brooks Play a Strong Game and HEMPSTEAD, June 4 .- The final polo game for the Meadow Brook Club curs was played to-day

on the field of the Meadow Brook Club. Both teams were in good form and the play was fast from the start. The players and handloops follow: follow:

Meadow Brook 1—William C. Eustia. 6; George
P. Eustis. 6; Harry P. Whitney, 8; Benjamia Micol.
8. Total, 28. Rockaway 1-W. A. Hazard, 3; R. La Montague 4; John E. Cowden, 9; F. S. Consver, Jr., 6. Total, 32. 4: John E. Cowden, 9; F. S. Consver, Jr. 6. Total, 25.

The ball was thrown for the first period about 5 o'clock. Neither team scored, though both did their best. In the second period the Meadow Brooks went in to do or die, and when the bell rang had eight goals to their credit, while Rockaway had made ong. In the third period the Rockaways began to play forly and prevented several good ones from going between the sticks by clever safeties, but this with a foul caused them to lose a goal by penalties. The fourth period was almost a repetition of the previous one.

The Meadow Brooks played a great game, Willie Eustis had the luck to score the greatest number of goals: The summary:

Goals earned—For Meadow Brook, W. C. Buste, 7:

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Goals earned—For Meadow Brook, W. C. Busts, ?;
Goorge Eustis, 2; Nicoli, 1; Whitney, 1. Total, 11.
For Rockaway—Cowdin, 2; La Montagne, 1. Total,
3. Goals received by handicap—Rockaway, 6. Goals
lost by penalties—Rockaway, 134. Total score—
Meadow Brook, 11; Rockaway, 754. Referee—Egerten Winthian

ten Winthrop.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—In the opening game of the Devon Polo Tournament to-day the Philadelphia Country Clubs second teem defeated the Freebooters of the same club by the score of 11 to 4½ goals. The Freebooters allowed their opponents 3 goals on handicape. The game was the first for the Valentine ohallenge cup. The line up: Philadelphia Second Team-N. Warren, 2; C. R. Zeilin, 3; W. B. H. Smith, 4; L. Bodine, 2. To

Freebooters-W. E. Carter, 3: Jay B. Lippincott, 4: John Groome, 5; R. E. Strawbridge, 4. Total, 14. The Paris Chess Tournament. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, June;4 .- To-day being a holiday in France there was no play in the international tournament. The tenth round is scheduled for to-morrow.

Yale's New Track Athletie Captain. NEW HAVEN, June 4.—The annual election for captain of the Yale Track Athletic Association for next year was held this afternoon. Two candidates were proposed, W. M. Pinote, the hurder, and John Hord, the pole vaulter.

Officers of Tale's Navy NEW HAVEN, June 4 .- The annual election of the executive officers of the Yale Navy and crews held to-night resulted as follows: President and Manager, A. H. Richardson, '01, Waterbury, Conn.: Vice-President, F. S. Warmouth, '01, Lawrence, La.: Secretary and Assistant Manager, Roderick Potter, Buffalo, N. T.

Odds and Ends of Sports. The annual outing of the Cathedral Club to Lake Mahopac on Sunday, June 19, promises to be a decided social success. Two special cars will leave Grand Central Station, Hariem division waiting room, at 9:10 A. M. and from 125th street station teaminutes late. The committee with the cooperation of the club's active President, John R. Dooley, has spared nothing to make the day a memorable one for the club and their friends.

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